

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
MEETING HELD IN SHREVEPORT
FEBRUARY 28, 1967

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14. Cancellation of portion of West Bay Wildlife Management Area as leased by Southwestern Improvement Co. in order that they can lease to Hercules for production of explosives. (14)
15. Approval of award of contract to A.T. Owens for fencing on Saline Wildlife Management Area (\$64,800.00). (16)
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18. Appointment of Capt. Lonnie Rogers as Chief of Enforcement Div. (18)

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✓ Resolution on law enforcement from Caddo Sportsmen's Club,
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✓ H. M. Bonner - express appreciation for Commission meeting
in Shreveport and congratulate Commission on the setting
of seasons and bag limits. (20)

✓ Wyatt Jakkson - expression of appreciation of Caddo Sportsmen's
Club. (20)

✓ Raymond Brill - request better enforcement in Webster Parish. (21)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Shreveport, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28, 1967.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, February 28, 1967, at 10:00 A.M., in the Mallard Room of the Captain Shreve Hotel, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 23 and 24, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of January 23 and 24, 1967, were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson then announced that the Commission will return to New Orleans for the next Commission meeting which will be held on March 27 and 28, 1967, at the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building.

Chairman Thompson, called on Mr. A. J. Buquet for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Buquet requested Mr. Richard Fleming to stand with him and he then introduced Mr. Fleming to the audience as a person who has been interested in fish and wildlife throughout his lifetime.

Mr. Buquet said that Mr. Fleming has been very active in the Louisiana Wildlife Federation affairs, has served in the past as Conservation Chairman in the Kiwanis Club and has served on the Caddo Parish Police Jury's Fish and Game Committee. Mr. Fleming served on the Board of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for four (4) years, with two (2) years service as Vice-Chairman. He has always been for sound fish and wildlife management practices, promoting land acquisition, public boat launching facilities, as well as promoting the three-way split in dove hunting season. Mr. Fleming always worked for the establishment of sound waterfowl hunting regulations,

reasonable seasons and bag limits. He also pushed for the continuation of the spread of deer herds over the State. Mr. Buquet said that it was indeed a pleasure and privilege to have the honor of presenting a plaque of appreciation from the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to Mr. Fleming for the past services rendered to the Commission and the wildlife conservation of the State.

Mr. Fleming thanked the Commission for the honor. He stated that having had the pleasure of serving with most of the gentlemen now on the Board, he would like to say that they are all good men. Mr. Fleming said that another important factor the Commission should consider is the wonderful backing and support they have in the biologists such as Mr. Richard Yancey, Mr. Allan Ensminger, Mr. Joe Herring and many others who are working for and with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Chairman Thompson then called Mr. Richard Yancey to the floor to tell the Commission of the tabulation of bids received on the Saline Bayou boat launching ramp.

Mr. Yancey explained that the Department of Public Works has advertised for bids on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Saline Bayou, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. They have received a total of six (6) bids on the work with J. T. Richardson Co., Inc. of Ruston submitting the lowest bid in the amount of \$13,619.00. Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission authorize the issuance of a contract to J. T. Richardson Co., Inc. for the construction of the boat launching ramp and parking area mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works has advertised for and received six (6) bids on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Saline Bayou, Catahoula Parish, as previously requested by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to the low bidder, J. T. Richardson Co., Inc. of Ruston, Louisiana in the amount of \$13,619.00. The Department of Public Works' Engineers have examined this bid and found it to be in proper order and in line with the estimated cost for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Saline Bayou at Youngblood Landing, West of Larto Lake, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then said that a resolution, ^{dated February 14, 1967} had been received from the Tensas Parish Police Jury requesting that Lake Bruin be re-opened to commercial fishing. Mr. Yancey explained that 125,000 pounds of rough fish were removed from Lake Bruin during the past fall and winter in accordance with Commission regulations. The season closed on February 15, 1967. The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission fishery biologists have studied the Tensas Parish Police Jury's request

and found it to be quite feasible and recommended that the Commission re-open Lake Bruin to commercial fishing again at this time and close on May 1, 1967 and open again on September 15, 1967 and close on May 1, 1968.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from the Tensas Parish Police Jury for the re-opening of Lake Bruin to commercial fishing.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby re-open Lake Bruin to commercial fishing on this date, February 28, 1967 and to close on May 1, 1967. The season shall be re-opened on September 15, 1967 and extend through May 1, 1968, as authorized by R. S. 5.56-412. This lake shall be restricted to commercial fishing by means of gill nets, trammel nets and seines only. Commercial fishing in the lake will be permitted only to those who shall have in possession a permit for same which is obtainable free from the Commission's district office in Ferriday and the fishermen will be responsible for submitting to the Commission a weekly record of the catch by species and poundage taken from Lake Bruin. The fishermen shall be required to remove any and all trash fish from the shoreline of the lake. In cooperation with the Enforcement Division, the commercial fishermen shall man nets only during day light hours which shall be from sunrise to sunset. Failure on the part of any permittee to comply with these regulations

will result in immediate cancellation of the fisherman's permit to fish on Lake Bruin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then said that the Ellis heirs are requesting the third and final payment on the 12,600 acres of land purchased from them in December, 1966 in Concordia Parish by the Commission. Mr. Yancey said that the total purchase price was \$800,000.00 and two partial payments has been made thus far and that the Commission still owes \$284,000.00. Mr. Yancey said he had checked with the Commission's attorney and the Accounting Section for their opinions. Funds are on hand to make the final payment and our attorneys state that there is no objection to making the final payment at this time. Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission approve the final payment on this purchase of land in Concordia Parish.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has previously approved and entered into the purchase of 12,600 acre tract of land in Concordia Parish from the Elizabeth W. Ellis heirs for the establishment of a wildlife management area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval for the final payment on the purchase of this 12,600 acre tract of land, which is to be the

remainder of the balance of the \$800,000.00 total cost. This tract of land is to be known as the Red River Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then stated that several inquiries have been received regarding the Commission's policy with respect to the fencing of the newly acquired Red River and Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Areas. The Commission previously adopted a policy that the Saline Wildlife Management Area would be fenced in its entirety and Mr. Yancey recommended that a similar policy be adopted for these two new wildlife management areas.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has purchased two separate tracts of land for the purpose of establishing game management areas which are to be known as the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, consisting of 11,200 acres and the Red River Wildlife Management Area, consisting of 12,600 acres, and

WHEREAS, greatly increased amounts of browse for deer and mast for other types of forest game can be provided only by fencing the property and removing the livestock, and

WHEREAS, forest lands in Louisiana are being rapidly cleared for agricultural purposes thereby making it mandatory that these areas be fully developed as soon as possible in regard to increasing

numbers of deer, squirrel, rabbits, and turkey, and

WHEREAS, reforestation and the full potential of the areas for wildlife cannot be realized until these areas are fenced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the fencing of the 11,200 acre tract, known as the Spring Bgyou Wildlife Management Area and the 12,600 acre tract, known as the Red River Wildlife Management Area. These areas are to be fenced as good game management measures as soon as boundary surveys have been made and when funds become available to carry out the job.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

meeting 2/27 & 28 # Mr. Yancey then explained that numerous inquiries have also been received concerning the installation and/or occupation of camps on the newly acquired Red River Wildlife Management Area and the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. A number of private camps are presently located on both of these areas and the owners should be notified of the Commission's policy. Mr. Yancey recommended that a similar policy be adopted for these two areas as was on the Saline Wildlife Management Area and that a deadline be given for the removal of these camps.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Director, be authorized and instructed to notify all camp owners on both the

Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area and the Red River Wildlife Management Area of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to remove their camps, on said property on or before August 1, 1967.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if said camp owners do not remove their camps and property before the above date that the Director is hereby instructed to turn over to the attorney for the Commission for further action in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is further authorized and empowered to do all things necessary to put this resolution into effect.

Mr. Yancey then said that representatives of the Texas Park and Wildlife Commission met with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission staff recently in New Orleans to discuss a reciprocal agreement that would involve recognition of sport fishing licenses of both states on all stateline waters such as Caddo Lake, Toledo Bend, Sabine River and Sabine Lake. Mr. Yancey said that this agreement will not apply to creel or commercial licenses. Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission give approval for the negotiation of a reciprocal agreement with Texas to recognize sport fishing licenses on stateline waters as soon as the necessary legal requirements can be met.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to enter into an agreement of reciprocity with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to provide for recognition of sport fishing license requirements of Texas and Louisiana on lakes and rivers located upon a common boundary between the two States including Sabine Pass, Sabine Lake, Sabine River, Toledo Bend and Caddo Lake. This reciprocal license agreement shall apply to only sport fishing and not to creel or commercial fishing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith as soon as all legal requirements can be met.

Chairman Thompson then called Dr. Lyle St. Amant to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained to the Commission that permits or leases issued by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to dredge for sand, gravel, fill material and/or shell require the payment of royalties which are fixed by law. There are many holders of these leases and permits who allow their contracts to become delinquent, even though they have been given sufficient notice in advance of their expiration date. When this type of situation occurs, this Commission is placed in the position of giving much unnecessary time due to the excessive auditing and legal burdens involved. Dr. St. Amant recommended that the Commission adopt a policy to prevent this type of circumstances

from occurring by after due notification the holder fails to comply with the provisions of the agreement, that said permit or lease shall be cancelled by an act of the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, all permits and/or leases issued by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to dredge for sand, gravel, fill material and/or shell require the payment of a royalty fixed by law, and

WHEREAS, payment of such taxes are due either monthly or quarterly as described in each contract, and

WHEREAS, delinquency in tax payments by some permit and lease holders place an excessive auditing and legal burden on this department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that holders of leases and/or permits for the dredging of sand, gravel, fill material and/or shell who become delinquent in tax payments and who after due notification fail to comply with this provision of the lease or permit, that said permit or lease be cancelled by an act of the Commission.

Dr. St. Amant then stated that a request has been received for the assignment of a fill material dredging permit issued to River Materials, Inc. to be transferred to Central States Dredging Company. Dr. St. Amant said that he has examined the documents involved and found them to be in order. He then recommended that the Commission grant approval of this assignment providing satisfactory records are made available in the State of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the permit held by River Materials, Inc. dated February 13, 1964, be assigned to Central States Dredging Company. The Central States Dredging Company is hereby granted the right and privilege of taking and removing sand, gravel and fill materials from the beds or water bottoms of the Mississippi River between Mile 245 and 255 in the vicinity of Profit Island in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. This assignment is granted provided satisfactory records are made available within the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Allen Ensminger to explain the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger then explained to the Commission that a request had been received from the Humble Oil and Refining Company for the installation of additional production facilities on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge located in Iberia Parish. Mr. Ensminger said that this proposal had been examined and found to be feasible provided Humble Oil and Refining Company agrees to certain terms and conditions which shall be binding.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Humble Oil and Refining Company to install additional production facilities on State Leases 1706, 3498 and 3317 on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, located in Iberia Parish, Louisiana. This permission is granted providing said Company agrees to certain terms and conditions which shall be binding upon them in order to protect and benefit the wildlife resources and prevent pollution in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger then requested that the Commission establish a grant to the Louisiana State University Cooperative Research Unit in the amount of \$5,000.00 to conduct a series of intensive research programs and studies on three annual plants which are sporadic seed producers for waterfowl. Mr. Ensminger said that for the past several years it has become apparent that in order to have good waterfowl hunting in the marshes of Southwest Louisiana it is extremely important that an abundant supply of the following plants be available to the ducks wintering in the area: millet, sprangletop and fall panicum. Mr. Ensminger recommended that the Commission give approval of this grant.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, for the past several years it has become increasingly

obvious that good waterfowl hunting in the marshes of Southwest Louisiana is extremely dependent upon the annual production of three annual duck food plants, and

WHEREAS, these plants are sporadic seed producers and, it is believed, that they are closely associated with water conditions that exist during their short germination period for each individual plant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and establish a grant to the Louisiana State University Cooperative Research Unit in the amount of \$5,000.00 to conduct a series of intensive research studies regarding germination, tank studies and ecological factors on each of the following plants: millet, spranglegop and fall panicum. This grant is authorized in order to benefit and improve the annual production of seed for waterfowl.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Joe Herring to tell the Commission of the request received from the Southwestern Improvement Company.

Mr. Herring stated that the request from the Southwestern Improvement Company concerns a portion of the West Bay Wildlife Management Area which said company would like to have withdrawn from the agreement in order to lease that portion to Hercules, Inc.

on which Hercules Inc. will be able to construct a plant for the manufacture of certain types of explosives. Mr. Herring said that they would also like to have another portion to be used as a buffer zone, on which there will be no construction involved.

Mr. Herring explained that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had been poled at an earlier date concerning this matter and recommended that the Commission ratify this action.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1960, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission entered into a lease agreement, free of cost, with the Southwestern Improvement Company for a tract of land which comprises part of the West Bay Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Improvement Company has requested that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission release a portion of their land from the lease in order that they may lease it to Hercules, Inc. for the construction of a plant for the manufacture of certain types of explosives.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the action taken prior to this meeting which shall cancel that portion of land requested to be released by the Southwestern Improvement Company from the original lease agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission that bids have been received by the Louisiana State Division of Administration for the fencing of portions of the Saline Wildlife Management Area. A total of seven bids were received with A. T. Owens, of Winnsboro, Louisiana, being the lowest bidder in the amount of \$64,800.00. Mr. Herring said that this portion is the remainder left to complete the entire fencing of this area. He stated that the funds will come from the Commission's Conservation fund. The Division of Administration has checked this bid and found the company to be a reputable one. Mr. Herring then recommended that the Commission give approval for the issuance of the contract for this job to A. T. Owens of Winnsboro, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Division of Administration has received the tabulation of bids on the fencing of that portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area and has advised the Commission that the low bidder received is a good bid and reliable contractor.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the Louisiana State Division of Administration issue a contract to A/ T. Owens of Winnsboro, Louisiana, for fencing that portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area. A. T. Owens, Winnsboro, Louisiana submitted the lowest bid, out of a total of seven bids received, in the amount of \$64,800.00.

Funds for this job are available and to be paid from the Conservation Fund of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then said that numerous complaints have been received concerning the illegal netting and sale of game fish in the Spring Bayou Area. He said that these complaints have been received through the mail from various citizens of Avoyelles Parish and the Commission by a vote, had taken action closing the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area to commercial fishing. Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission take the proper measure and ratify this action of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the action of the Commission on the closure of the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area to commercial fishing. Hence, it shall therefore be illegal to net and sell game fish from the aforementioned waters.

Mr. Herring then said that with the permission of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, he would like to announce that plans and specifications have been prepared for the fencing of approximately 25 miles of boundary on the west side of the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. He also said that this announcement

would be of great interest to those attending the meeting in Shreveport since the Bodcau Wildlife Management Area is one of the more popular spots for hunting in North Louisiana. Mr. Herring said that this fence will improve wildlife conditions on the area immensely. The Commission is presently requesting the Louisiana Division of Administration to go out on bids for this work.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Jerry Jones for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Jones said that the Louisiana Department of Civil Service has submitted to the Commission a list of eligibles for the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division. Mr. Jones then made a motion for the employment of Mr. Lonnie Rogers, who was one of the names on said list.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby employ Mr. Lonnie Rogers of Opelousas, Louisiana, for the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. The employment of Mr. Rogers will commence on March 15, 1967, at which time he will begin his six (6) month probationary period as in accordance with the Louisiana Civil Service regulations.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Cecil Hutto, President of the Caddo Sportsmen's Club. Mr. Hutto then commended the Commission on their decision on the appointment of Mr. Lonnie Rogers

to the position of Chief of Enforcement Division. Mr. Hutto presented the following resolution of the Caddo Sportsmen's Club to the Commission:

"WHEREAS, Law enforcement is a basic and essential step in game management, the very foundation on which management is built, and

"WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the finest game management programs, which has been proven, through the re-establishment of deer herds throughout the entire State during the past few years, and

"WHEREAS, Other restocking programs, such as transplanting wild turkey requires rigid law enforcement for the establishment of birds in areas from which they have been eliminated, and

"WHEREAS, Experimental programs, such as the early teal season, are dependent for success and continuity, on law enforcement as well as management, and

"WHEREAS, Enforcement by patrol, arrest, and conviction for game law violations in District One has become so lax as to encourage widespread poaching, flagrant disregard for game laws, unsafe conditions for hunters and residents alike, and cause resentment by legal sportsmen because the elimination of game in some areas is so evident as to be obvious to the ordinary hunter, now

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Sportsmen's Club, Inc., on February 16, 1967, to request The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to take immediate steps necessary to re-establish strict game law enforcement within District One for the protection of fish and game and control of fish and game management, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Sportsmen's Club, Inc., will cooperate with and assist The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in the enforcement of all Louisiana Game Laws, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Sportsmen's Club Inc., will endeavor to obtain the cooperation and assistance of all citizens and sportsmen to support the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in the enforcement of all Louisiana Game Laws."

Chairman Thompson recognized Mr. H. M. Bonner, IV District Vice-President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and a past President of the Caddo Sportsmen's Club.

Mr. Bonner thanked the Commission for coming to the Shreveport area to hold a Commission meeting. He stated that it was not very often that the people of North Louisiana had the opportunity to get to New Orleans for the regular meetings usually held there and said it was both a privilege and a pleasure to the sportsmen of the area to be afforded the opportunity to attend the meeting. Mr. Bonner invited the Commission to consider Shreveport as a meeting place again sometime in the future. Mr. Bonner also congratulated the Commission on the fine seasons and bag limits set. He said through good management practices such as those they have experienced in the past season, all of the hunters are able to take advantage of the hunting seasons.

Chairman Thompson thanked Mr. Bonner for the kind words expressed and then recognized Mr. Wyatt Jackson of the Caddo Sportsmen's Club.

Mr. Jackson said it has been about three and a half years since the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission last met in Shreveport. He stated, in behalf of the entire Caddo Sportsmen's Club, their appreciation to the Commission for having held the meeting in Shreveport and said they all hoped the Commission would return soon.

Mr. Raymond Brill requested the floor. Mr. Brill said he

did not represent a group or organization; however, he too would like to thank the Commission for holding their meeting in Shreveport. Mr. Brill stated he was from Webster Parish where enforcement of game laws was nil. Mr. Brill asked if there actually was one wildlife agent in his parish who was on the job because he had his doubts.

Chairman Thompson told Mr. Brill there were two wildlife agents designated to Webster Parish.

Mr. Brill said that either these two men were not enough to handle the job or they were not performing their duties properly. He stated that he, as well as others in the parish, knew of several game law violations which apparently are no secret. These violations are occurring every day and all of the time. Mr. Brill requested to go on record asking for stricter enforcement in Webster Parish and also expressed his wishes for the judiciary authority of the parish to pursue these cases by prosecuting with strict penalties.

Chairman Thompson thanked Mr. Brill telling him that it was his duty and right as a citizen of the State of Louisiana to express his views on the matter. Enforcement starts with the citizen and without the whole hearted support of the individual citizens, no one can help. The Commission, after considerable discussions, assured Mr. Brill that they would do all in their power to see that stricter enforcement is focused on Webster Parish.

Chairman Thompson stated, in behalf of the Louisiana Wild Life

and Fisheries Commission, he would like to thank all of the people who made it possible and participated in the meeting held in Shreveport. He said the hospitality and warm friendship of the many sportsmen in the area, and in particular the Caddo Sportsmen's Club, had been most gratifying.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned.


Leslie L. Glasgow
Director